<u>S/N 10/646,478</u> <u>PATENT</u>

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Applicant: Daisuke Kawagoe Examiner: Ishwar B. Patel Serial No.: 10/646,478 Group Art Unit: 2841
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Title: STACKED VIA STRUCTURE THAT INCLUDES A SKIP VIA

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NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE DECISION OF THE EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

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In compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 41.31(a)(1), Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated March 21, 2006, of the Examiner rejecting claims 40-58 of the above-identified patent application.

No extension of time is necessary to respond to the Examiner's rejection.

Please charge the amount of \$500.00 in payment of the Notice of Appeal fee under 37 C.F.R. § 41.20(b)(1), as well as any additional required fees, to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

A Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review is submitted herewith along with payment of the required fee.

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